

## Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1172

**House of Origin**     Introduced     Substitute     Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute     Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Sickles

**3. Committee:** Privileges and Elections

**4. Title:** Absentee voting; voter satellite offices; minimum number required.

**5. Summary:** Requires that absentee voting in person be available in the office of the general registrar and in any voter satellite office that the governing body of any county or city chooses to establish. Localities with a population of 50,000 or more are required to establish at least one voter satellite office to be in operation for the duration of the period during which absentee voting in person is available. Under current law, the governing body of any county or city, regardless of its population, is authorized to establish as many voter satellite offices as it deems necessary.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary; no state fiscal impact.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The proposed legislation is not expected to have a state fiscal impact. This bill could impact localities as general registrars could incur additional costs if they are required to set up additional voting locations.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Department of Elections, State Board of Elections, and localities (General Registrars and Electoral Boards).

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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